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SUBJECT: ZAMBIAN EMERGENCY RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS

1. ON MARCH 14 LISHOMWA, ECONOMIC ADVISOR TO PRESIDENT OF ZAMBIA, CALLED ON AID/ W AFR TO OUTLINE ZAMBIAN TRANSPORT REQUIREMENTS AND TO SOUND OUT PROSPECTS FOR A. I. D. ASSISTAMCE. LISHOMWA IS ON MISSION WHICH WILL TAKE HIM TO CANADA, SWEDEN, FINLAND, W. GERMANY, AUSTRIA AND RETURN LUSAKA APRIL 2.

2. LISHOMWA LAID OUT ZAMBIAN EMERGENCY REQUIREMENTS WHICH WERE GENERALLY IN LINE WITH U. N. REPORT. HE OUTLINED GRZ ACTIONS TAKEN SO FAR TO MEET TRANSPORT REQUIREMENTS:

A) GRZ SIGNED AGREEMENT WITH TAW INTERNATIONAL AST WEEK FEBRUARY FOR LEASE OF 300 GM 30 TON TRUCKS AND TRAILERS; DELIVERY TO START 60 DAYS AFTER AGREEMENT SIGNED. TRUCK LEASE PACKAGE INCLUDES MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE SUPPORT. GRZ HAS RECEIVED OFFER FROM PACCAR INTERNATIONAL FOR 250 KENWORTH TRUCKS BUT HS NOT YET ACCEPTED OFFER. GRZ

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ALSO LOOKING AT U. S. MARKET FOR 30 EDIBLE OIL ROAD TANKERS,
30 REFRIGERATED ROAD TRUCKS, 100 4 - AXLE TRAILERS AND 100
MISCELLANEOUS VEHICLES. EXCLUDING TAW LEASED TRUCKS,
VEHICLES WOULD COST APPROXIMATELY DOLS 12 MILLION C. I. F.

B) GRZ ALSO LOOKING FOR RAILWAY EQUIPMENT: 4 DIESEL
ELECTRIC MAINLINE LOCOMOTIVES, 12 SHUNTING LOCOS, SPARE
PARTS AND 100 RAILWAY WAGONS (ADDITIONL) 200 WAGONS TO
COME FROM JAPAN). APPROXIMATE C. I. F. COST DOLS 11 MILLION.

C) GRZ SHOPPING IN CANADA FO GENERAL CARGO TRUCKS, TANERS
AND RAIL SPARES AND EQUIPMENT. LSO LOOKING FOR ADDITIONL
CIDA AID. GRZ REP STAED CHINA SHIPPING 57 TRUCKS.

3. LISHOMWA EXPLAINED THAT EMERGENCY BEING FUNDED SEPARATELY
FROM REGULAR DEVELOPMENT BUDGET SO THAT LEVEL OF DEVELOPMENT
INVESTMENT CAN BE MAINTAINED. GRZ HAS SET UP EMERGENCY
PLANNING ORGANATON WITH STAFF FROM OPERATING
MINISTRIES AND DEVELOPMET PLANNING MINISTRY. STAFF HEADED
BY SECRETARY- GENERAL AND REPORTING TO TOP LEVEL GRZ.
RATHER THAN RELYING ON U. N. OR AN AID CONSORTIUM GRZ APPEARS
TO BE PLANNING TO DIRECT LL LOGISTICS , COORDINATION
AND MANAGEMENT FOR EMERGENCY TRANSPORT. TWO CANADIAN
TRUCKING LOGISTICS ADVISORS, FUNDED UNDER COMMONWEALTH
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FUND, NOW IN LUSAKA AN WILL ADVISE GRZ
FOR TWO YEAR PERID. LISHOMWA INDICATED GOZ PLANNED TO
EXPAND THIS LOGISTICS OPERATION IN FUTURE AS OPERATION
PICKED UP SPEED.

4. LISHOMWA STATED THEY EXPECT IMF STAND- BY DOLS 19 MILLION
IN MID- APRIL AN WORLD BANK APPRAISAL IN MID- APRIL FOR IBRD
DOL 25 MILLION PROGRAM LOAN. FYI IBRD INFORMED US THEY
CONSIERING DOLS 25 MILLION PROGRAM LAON WHICH HOPEFULLY
COULD BE AUTHORIZED BY JUN 1973. LOAN WOULD BE FOR NORMAL
DEVELOPMENT IMPORT REQUIREMENTS AND NOT SPECIFICALLY FOR
EMERGENCY NEEDS. IBRD LOAN WOULD BE CONTINGENT UPON GRZ
OBTAINING IMF STAND- BY AND INITIATING ECONOMIC REFORMS.
END FYI.

5. DURI DISCUSSION LISHOMWA REQUESTED A. I. D. PROGRAM
LOAN AND/ OR A. I. D. FINANCING FOR PORTION OF TRUCKS
AND RAILROAD EQUIPMENT. WE REPLIED THAT TOTAL A. I. D.
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AFRICA LOAN PROGRAM FY 1973 AROUND DOLS 100 MILLION AND THAT

MOST OF THAT ALREADY EARMARKED. WE INFORMED LISHOMWA THAT WE STILL REVIEWING U. N. REPORT ON ZAMBIAN EMERGENCY REQUIREMENTS AND HAVENJT YET DECIDED WHETHER WE WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE AID OR IF WE PROVIDE AID, AT WHAT LEVEL. WE INDICATED THAT A. I. D. WOULD TRY TO BE RESPONSIVE TO GRZ REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE. SINCE A. I. D. LONS REQUIRE COMPETITIVE BIDDING IT APPEARS DOUBTFUL WHETHER A. I. D. ASSISTANCE COULD MEET ZAMBIA'S IMMEDIATE REQUIREMENTS DURING NEXT SIX MONTHS. A. I. D. ASSISTANCE MORE LIKELY FIT ZAMBIA'S MEDIUM TERM REQUIREMENTS. WE SUGGESTED GRZ MAKE COMMERCIAL PURCHASES OR SEEK EX- IM FINANCING FOR IMMEDIATE REQUIREMENTS.

6. LISHOMWA SENT US AID MEMOIRE REQUESTING DOLS QT MILLION PROGRAM LOAN AND FINANCING FOR TRUCK AND RR EQUIPMENT LIST. POUCHING COPIES.

7. IN LATER DISCUSSIONS WITH EXPORT- IMPORT BANK LISHOMWA INFORMED THAT EX- IM WILLING CONSIDER FINANCING A SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF GRZ TRUCK PURCHASE.

8. WE UNDERSTAND GRZ FINANCE MINISTER AND GOVERNOR CENTRAL BANK WILL BE IN WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK FOR IMF MEETING. THEY BRINGING SUPPLEMENTAL INFO NEEDED FOR IMF STAND- BY CREDIT AND WILL INITIAL REQUEST FOR STAND- BY CREDIT. DECONTROL 3/16/74 ROGERS UQNUOTE ROGERS

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